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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ALGERIAN ROLE IN TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL
SHELF ACCORD

REF: TUNIS 6066

1. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE GET CONFIRMATION OF RUMOR THAT BOUMEDIENE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIBYAN CHARGE OF POSITION ON REFERRAL TERRITORIAL WATERS DISPUTE TO HAGUE. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTOR ARAB AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, ABDEL QADR BIN QASI, SEPTEMBER 1. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TRIPOLI WITH BOUMEDIENE AND POINTED OUT THAT LIBYAN NEGOTIATING TEAM (NEGOTIATOR?) HAD GONE TO TUNIS SAME DAY BOUMEDIENE ARRIVED , IMPLYING THAT IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RESULT OF BOUMEDIENE'S EFFORTS. AMBASSADOR SAID PEOPLE NEVERTHELESS GIVING ALGERIANS CREDIT AND HE SHOULD NOT DENY IT OUT OF HAND. HE SMILED AND SAID HE COULD NOT DENY REPORT. AMBASSADOR ASKED IF HE COULD CONFIRM IT. HE SAID HE
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COULD NOT DENY IT, AND SMILED AGAIN.

2. AMBASSADOR ALSO RAISED QUESTION WITH DIRECTOR EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, MOHAMED ABERKANE, WHO SAID IT WAS NEWS TO HIM AND WHO SPECULATED THAT QADHAFI TRYING TO PROTECT HIS FLANK IN LIGHT EGYPTIAN MANEUVERS.

3. PUT THIS ALL TOGETHER AND IT DOES NOT SPELL MUCH. WILL ATTEMPT PURSUE FURTHER. LYNE

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